

VACANT POSITION: FIELD ASSISTANTS

JOB SUMMARY

Applications are invited from qualified persons for the above vacant position.

TERMS OF REFERENCE: FIELD ASSISTANTS JOB IN NAKURU AND TRANS NZOIA COUNTIES

Introduction

The Eastern Africa Farmers Federation, EAFF, (www.eaffu.org) is a regional Farmers Organization covering 10 countries in the East Africa Community and the Horn of Africa, including Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Burundi, Rwanda, Ethiopia, DR Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea and South Sudan. The Federation's membership consists of 24 National Farmer Organizations and Co-operatives with about 20 million small-scale farmers involved in crop and animal husbandry. EAFF is registered under the societies act in Kenya. The Federation is currently delivering services to her members on the basis of 2013-2020 Strategic Plan whose focus is entrepreneurship through organization of farmers into units that can participate in profitable agribusiness ventures. The strategy has four main components namely warehousing, inputs, and agriculture extension and value addition. Over the last three years EAFF has been able to roll out her agribusiness strategy that centers on making smallholder's farmer's key value chain actors.

Background of the work

Since October 2016, EAFF is implementing a project called "e-Granary, uplifting smallholder farmers by access to markets and credit" funded by Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (GR) through her continental program 'Financial Inclusion for Smallholder Farmers in Africa Project (FISFAP)'. The overall goal of the project is to improve the living standard of smallholder farmers in Kenya by increasing incomes through financial inclusivity. The assumption is that by addressing issues of market and credit access, the project is bound to create instant transformation on the ability of the farmer to improve productivity, income and livelihoods. EAFF developed e-Granary which is an electronic service by farmers and for farmers which uses the USSD mobile technology. Its objective is to collect information on farmer's bio data, geographic location of farmers and their farms, type of crop they grow, amount of seeds they have planted in a particular season and the harvest they achieve per season. EAFF uses this information provided by farmers to link farmers directly to potential buyers of their produce, get farmer's production history for the agricultural credit access, access to agricultural mechanization, E-extension, e-Insurance, access to quality inputs at reasonable prices and to inform policy intervention at national and regional levels. The membership to the eGranary is EAFF National Farmer Organizations, cooperatives, groups and agribusiness units. In Kenya, the USSD code is *384*01# and can be used in both Safaricom and Airtel mobile platforms.

Job description and Key responsibilities

Under this an initiative EAFF is seeking to recruit three field assistants to backstop the project activities in the specified Counties respectively. The assistants will mainly help in field data

collection, backstop farmer groups in this region to register more members in the e-Granary platform and ensure their aggregate more produce for collective marketing.

More specifically the assistant will:

- Ensure proper record keeping of the project activities within groups/COOPs/CBOs
- Registration into the e-granary through farmers for a
- Ensuring aggregation is properly done by all the groups under the project.
- Organizing field visits by EAFF secretariat and her partners
- Making follow ups on loans collection from the farmers by the groups/Coops/CBOs
- Crop monitoring and giving the update on the same to EAFF secretariat
- Verification of planting dates.
- Execution of any other tasks as directed by EAFF secretariat

.Qualifications

The candidate must:

- Have BSc. Agriculture/Agriculture extension/Agronomy or relevant degree in
- Agriculture
- Be a computer literate
- Have at least 2 years of experience in agriculture extension or farm management
- Be less than 30years of age

NB: Understanding local language will be an added advantage

.Reporting

The assistants report to the project manager. The reporting involves a weekly report submit before end of Friday and a detailed monthly report

Job location

The job location will be in Nakuru and Trans Nzoia Counties.

.Duration of the job

This is a six (6) month assignment with a possibility of extension, based on performance.

Submission criteria

Interested applicants are cordially invited to submit their applications together with their detailed CV with contact details of three referees to procurement@eaffu.org on or before Friday 17th January 2020.

